



Butler County Veterans Service Commission

Veterans Serving Veterans

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BREAKING



Butler County Veterans Service Commission welcomes new Executive Director/CVSO Mike Farmer.

Farmer is the Executive Director of the Butler County Veterans Service Commission. He received an A.A. with a Business Concentration, in addition to a B.S in Information Technology from Miami University. With the societal change in technology, Mike brings new technical expertise to serve the veterans and their family members. In addition to serving as the Executive Director, he is the Commander of AMVETS Post 1983 in Hamilton, OH. Serving as Commander affords him to opportunity to serve veterans both while at work and in his off time.



News from the Department of Veterans Affairs

Current Operating Status

As of August 14, 2020

BUTLER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION: Due to the Health Restrictions and the COVID19 (Coronavirus). We are not currently taking face to face appointments. We are conducting all appointments via phone contact.

We are accepting veterans who are: -Picking up checks/vouchers, -Dropping off documents for a staff member.

CINCINNATI VA: We will continue to require all who enter our facilities to answer screening questions and we will continue to take everyone's temperature prior to entry. We will continue to practice social distancing and provide clinical care options through virtual means such as Veteran Video Connect (VVC) or telephonically, as clinically appropriate. We will mark appropriate distances on the floors and have seating placement to represent appropriate social distancing, avoid tight spacing and reduce the likelihood of spread. To keep everyone safe and slow the potential spread, we are requiring everyone at all Cincinnati VA Medical Center facilities to wear a mask at all times. Veterans are also encouraged to call us at 513-861-3100 for general questions. For more information about VA's Connected Care technologies, visit connectedcare.va.gov.

DAYTON VA: As of April 10, 2020. For your safety and for the safety of our staff and patients, if you are sick, please call your Primary Care Provider or the Medical Center at (937) 268-6511 prior to coming to any Dayton VA facility. Many appointments are being converted to virtual appointments. Please check with your provider for more information.



VA to award more than 425 grants, \$279 million to help prevent and end Veteran homelessness

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today it will award more than 425 grants to community organizations totaling approximately \$279 million under the [Grant Per Diem \(GPD\) program](#).

The GPD program provides funding to community organizations that provide transitional housing and supportive services for homeless Veterans, with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and income and obtain greater self-determination.

“The GPD program is one component of VA’s multifaceted continuum of services and resources to help Veterans exit homelessness,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “No Veteran should ever have to worry whether they will have stable housing, and these grants put us one step closer to ensuring all Veterans are living in a safe and supportive environment.”

The award period begins Oct. 1 to support three different types of grants to address the unique needs of Veterans who are homeless; Per Diem grants, Special Need grant, Transition in Place Grant.



Focus on Staff: Transportation Scheduler Terri Blair

Terri Blair joined the Butler County Veterans Service Commission in March 2020 as a Transportation Scheduler/Receptionist.

Terri married her husband, Jeff, a Butler County native, after he finished school at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Chicago. After Jeff’s 6 years of service in the Navy, they returned to Butler County to raise their family.

Prior to joining BCVSC, Terri worked at Miami University for over 20 years, while Jeff served on the City of Hamilton Fire Department for 30 years. She has resided in Fairfield for almost three decades and is happy to be serving the veterans of Butler County.



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The Butler County Veterans Service Commission is an agency that provides veterans and their dependents reliable and professional service in providing advocacy and assistance in obtaining veterans benefits, temporary financial assistance, and transportation to VA appointments. The Butler County Veterans Service Commission works closely with our community partners to best meet the needs of the veteran families that we service, thus helping to improve the lives of veterans and their families residing within Butler County.

Upcoming Events:

Labor day

September 7, 2020

Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day

Butler County Veterans Service Commissioners meeting on September 16, 2020. Can watch on live on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/bcvets

Honoring the Fallen:



Army Sgt. Byran Cooper Mount

Died July 21, 2020

25, of St. George, Utah, was killed July 21, 2020, during a vehicle rollover accident while conducting reconnaissance operations in eastern Syria. Mount was assigned to 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

An 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper was killed during a vehicle rollover accident while conducting reconnaissance operations in Eastern Syria.

Sgt. Bryan Cooper Mount, 25, from St. George, Utah, was identified Thursday as the fallen paratrooper by his home unit. Mount was assigned to 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The 82nd's commander, Maj. Gen. Christopher Donahue, said in a Thursday statement that Mount "was a true American hero" who served honorably and gave his life defending his fellow citizens.

"Cooper was a three time volunteer on his second combat deployment and his loss will be deeply felt across our entire formation," Donahue said. "He was a husband, son, brother and leader who was adored by everyone who knew him. Our sole focus now is providing unyielding support to Cooper's family."